DMC Meeting Minutes May 17th, 2005

I. Juvenile Justice Brochure:

- It has been updated and revised. Is almost ready to distribute.
- Lengthy discussion regarding distribution and how to get it to as many parents as possible. A list of possible distribution sites was generated and discussed.
- Discussion on creating the brochure as a PDF file and for all agencies that wish to attach it to their web site.

II. Court Collaboration Team:

- Discussion regarding court letters and other documents sent to parents may be modified to include a blurb at the top. This blurb would be in three languages other than English. Suggested languages: Arabic, Spanish Vietnamese, and Bosnian.
- Court has a list of interpreters that may be contracted with, to answer parent's questions.
- Educate community center staff members, in order to provide a place that parents may go to have letters/documents interpreted.
- Seek input from community center leaders, as to how many cultures handle their mail.

III. Parenting Class:

- LCAD's "Strengthening Multi-ethnic Families"
- It is a 13 week program with each session lasting 2 hours, once a week.
- There will be a training to train agencies staff member to be facilitators.

IV. Expeditor Statistics:

- Melissa has reviewed 40% of the referrals from 6/2/04 3/22/05.
- Of those 40% thus far reviewed, it is estimated over 50% of the youth, have abuse & neglect LPD contacts
- New law violations by youth are very low.
- There are a lot of technical violations of Home Detention Orders.